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Our Case No. 9281-3969
Client Reference No. J US00001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yasuji Hagiwara et al.)
Serial No. To Be Assigned)
Filing Date: Herewith)
For: Character Input Apparatus)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please rewrite the paragraph on page 1, lines 12-22 as follows:

a' (Amended) A key board apparatus is used for character input in a personal computer. A key board apparatus has a plurality of key tops arranged according to the predetermined specification. In the case of the key board of this type, 26 alphabets (alphabetical characters), kana characters, numerals, and symbols are assigned to respective key tops. In the case of a key board apparatus used for a personal computer, usually many key tops are arranged, the input of an alphabet is carried out by selecting alphabets assigned to respective key tops successively.

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 23 and ending on page 2, line 10 as follows:

a' (Amended) The portable phone is used as a means for communication with other persons, and communication is carried not only by means of voice but also by means of character. In the case of communication by means of character, characters are entered by operating desired keys of a potable phone. For example, "A, B, and C", "D, E, and F",

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